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## TAKE A WALK ON THE "WILD SIDE" WITH NEW GARDEN GUIDE

Glendale, Ariz. -The Glendale Water Services Department has developed Welcome Wildlife to your Garden, which is a booklet that makes it easy to transform a patio or yard into an inviting wildlife-friendly space. The booklet's message is: "If you build it (a habitat garden), they (wildlife) will come!"

Creating a garden that attracts cheerful songbirds, colorful butterflies or energetic hummingbirds requires imagination as well as the knowledge of how to provide food, water, shelter and space for visitors to raise their offspring. Embracing the Sonoran Desert's unique ecology by selecting native plants is a way to save water while creating an attractive garden that's in harmony with the desert. This guide includes tips for sustainable landscape practices and is delightful to look at with beautiful plant and wildlife illustrations.

It was written with the assistance of local garden and wildlife gurus including experts from Audubon Arizona, the Association of Professional Landscape Designers and the Maricopa County Master Gardener program and was funded by the Arizona Game and Fish Department Heritage Fund Grant.

To receive this free Welcome Wildlife to your Garden guide:

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